

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 247
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to recognize Penny Minton, native of Carter County, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Penny Minton is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-six years as a Registered Nurse; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carter County, Penny Minton will be taking a much deserved retirement from Sycamore Shoals Hospital and a career in healthcare that has seen many changes during her time of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, Penny Minton lent her services to the old Carter County Memorial Hospital as soon as she graduated; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional remembers a time as a nurse when patients were required to stay for extended periods of time, even for the smallest of procedures. As a nurse during this era, she was able to facilitate relationships with many of her patients, which is just not possible today due to the decreased amount of time patients spend in hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Miss Minton attributes much of the changes in nursing since she started in 1961 to the growing influence of insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, during Penny Minton's illustrious tenure as a Registered Nurse, she has been witness to and in awe of the rapid changes in technology which have turned many medical instruments, even the stethoscope, into disposable items; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable advances have made obsolete certain dangerous and tedious duties nurses once performed when Penny Minton started as a Registered Nurse. She

reminisces about the days when a nurse would have to clean and sharpen hypodermic needles for use and re-use; and

WHEREAS, as an capable and talented professional, Mrs. Minton has served in many different areas throughout her career in healthcare, including the Intensive Care Unit, Surgery, Medical, Nursery, and Recovery; and

WHEREAS, one of the more memorable points in Penny Minton's career happened during a night shift. She witnessed a woman who survived tetanus after stepping on a rusty needle; tetanus is potentially fatal, but this particular woman survived, and Miss Minton didn't let this frightening experience disrupt her dedication to the profession of nursing; and

WHEREAS, Penny Minton is an active and important part of her community and her profession, and after retirement, she plans to travel and spend more time with her two grandchildren, twelve-year-old Richie Minton and two-year-old Lilly Minton; and

WHEREAS, Penny Minton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Penny Minton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Penny Minton our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.